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1. I discussed with [] the proposal to locate our new communications station in the [] and told him that the [] should proceed on the assumption that we are definitely going to do this regardless of the fact that the recommendation has not been before the Project Review Committee. We have the necessary money in our budget, and since we are going to have to move from [] I see no reason why we should run afoul of any insurmountable obstacles.

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2. Harry Wilhelm, Bureau of the Budget, called the Office of the Director to talk to someone who was preparing comments on the report which he and Hart Perry submitted as a result of their trip to Europe. At [] request I returned the call and talked to Hart who said that Harry was merely trying to find out when our comments would be received at the Bureau. I told him that they should be there within a few days, and subsequently needed [] to get them out of the Inspector General's office into our hands. I also advised Hart that the comments on their report on [] had not been prepared but that they should be along shortly.

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3. Mr. Dulles said that he had had a telephone call from Sherman Adams who wanted to know whether we could foresee any expenditures in Fiscal Year 1958 which would cause us to ask for more money and what our request would be for Fiscal Year 1959. I have asked Ed Saunders to prepare a letter for the Director's signature to answer these questions.

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6. Jim Garrison reports that he is meeting in New York later this week to arrange for the final dissolution of the [REDACTED] 25X1C4c

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7. Met with Gordon Stewart, [REDACTED] and Jim Garrison to discuss the [REDACTED] case. I advised all concerned that I, personally, had spent about three hours studying the file and that there was no question in my mind but that [REDACTED] was not only substandard but in all probability unsatisfactory. I expressed thorough dissatisfaction with the way in which the entire case had been handled by the Offices of Logistics and Personnel, emphasized that we had an obligation to our supervisors to assist them in every way possible to get rid of mediocre employees, and stated that if in the future the Office of Personnel could not do a better job of handling such cases than was evidenced in this instance I thought we might as well give up our program of the elimination of the mediocre. The file was turned over to Harry [REDACTED] to develop further information in order that a proper recommendation might be made to the Director.

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